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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/717,623; Filed: November 21, 2003

For: Hot Runner Nozzle with a Tip, a Tip Surrounding Piece and an

Alignment Piece

Inventors:

BABIN et al.

Our Ref:

2107.1900001/TUM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. PTO/SB/08a (10 sheets);
- 3. Copies of cited documents: BA1-BL1; BA2-BM2; CA1-CE1; BA3-BM3; CA2-CE2; BA4-BI4; CA3-CE3; and CA4-CD4; and
- 4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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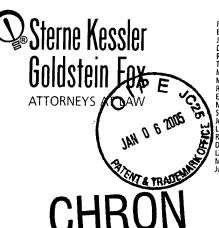
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Re:

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For:

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Dear Susan:

We are pleased to report that we have filed an Information Disclosure Statement with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Copies of these documents (exclusive of those that are already in your possession) are enclosed for your records.

- 1. A non-electronic filing of:
 - a. SKGF Cover Letter;
 - b. Information Disclosure Statement;
 - c. A listing of the cited documents on form PTO/SB/08a (10 sheets); and
 - d. Copies of the cited documents: BA1-BL1; BA2-BM2; CA1-CE1; BA3-BM3; CA2-CE2; BA4-BI4; CA3-CE3; and CA4-CD4.

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Please be reminded that the duty of disclosure continues throughout the entire patent application process and ends only with the actual issuance of a patent. Therefore, if anyone substantively involved in the patent application process becomes aware of information that might be considered material, please forward it to us immediately.

We will keep you informed of all further developments in this case. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

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